

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MUJAHID AKHMAD, a/k/a JOE TORRES,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF NEVADA, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:23-cv-00610-ART-CSD

**ORDER**

Pro se plaintiff Mujahid Akhmad, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections, has submitted a complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and filed a financial certificate and an inmate trust fund account statement for the previous six months. (ECF Nos. 1-1, 1-2). But Plaintiff has not filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* on this Court's approved form.

The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees from parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The fee for filing a civil-rights action is \$402, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52 administrative fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). "Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to the court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*." Nev. Loc. R. LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the Court's approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court's approved form, that is properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period**. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2); Nev. Loc. R. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis* status does not relieve an inmate of his or her obligation to pay the filing fee, it just means that the inmate can pay the fee in installments. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

1 It is therefore ordered that Plaintiff has **until January 2, 2024**, to either file an  
2 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the full \$402 filing fee.

3 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if  
4 he fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff to  
5 refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when he can file a complete  
6 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

7 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Plaintiff Mujahid Akhmad, aka Joe  
8 Torres, the approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate and  
9 instructions for the same and retain the complaint (ECF No. 1-1) but not file it at this time.

10 DATED THIS 1st day of December 2023.

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